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Frankie wows his audience but another stage star gets a fright

***MIKE PETTY** AND **JAMES MILNER** LOOK THROUGH THE **CAMBRIDGE NEWS** ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST*

Cyclists protesting through Cambridge in 1979

Mayor faced by cyclists' protest – 1979

THE Mayor of Cambridge, Cllr Alec Molt, faced 300 chanting cyclists outside the Guildhall and signed their petition demanding better provision for cyclists.

The demonstration began with a lecture on road safety and bike maintenance by the police.

Then, led by a Panda car, they took a 15-minute tour of the city centre streets before returning to Peas Hill to hear councillors' views.

Their priorities include cycle lanes on the Huntingdon and Madingley Roads and a contra-flow cycle lane in Downing Street.

Frankie's moonlight serenade for couple – 1979

FRANKIE Vaughan, one of Britain's most durable superstars, has fans of all ages but most of those attending his concert in Cambridge Sports Hall seemed to be middle-aged.

His costume was immaculate, with white dress shirt and trousers and a black jacket with white trimmings and his top hat and cane were a cue for him to sing his signature tune, 'Give Me The Moonlight...'

His middle-aged admirers swooned with delight and squealed with joy whenever he stabbed out one of those characteristic high kicks.

He made it a special occasion for Mr and Mrs Philip Staines of Ely, who were celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary, by dedicating a song to them.

Singer Frankie Vaughan wowed his Cambridge audience in 1979 and made it a particularly special occasion for a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary

FAIRFAX MEDIA ARCHIVES

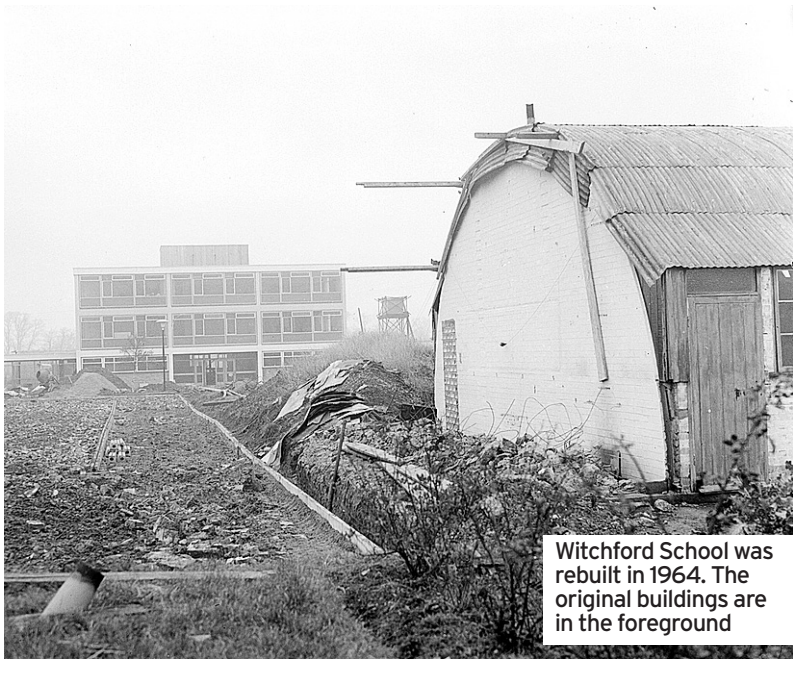
Plans approved for new primary school – 1959

SKETCH plans for the new Witchford Secondary School were approved for submission to the Ministry of Education.

It will be built in two installments to enable the systematic replacement of the existing temporary buildings to take place.

The first installment will start during 1959 to 1960 at a cost of some £50,000.

Messrs Concrete Ltd of Hounslow will be invited to co-operate in the design of a pre-cast concrete frame.



Witchford School was rebuilt in 1964. The original buildings are in the foreground

Spikes on city buildings – 1955

SIR, While surveying the exterior of premises over the MacFisheries in Petty Cury, Cambridge, I observed a row of iron spikes attached to the fascia board of the guttering.

I presume they were fixed for the purpose of breaking up the large banks of snow leaving the roof and ensuring a more 'equitable distribution' on pedestrians using the pavement below.

Such fittings must be something of a rarity – perhaps more observant readers can mention other buildings still retaining these spikes and enlighten me on their history.

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